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In re Application of
Michael Sprague, Eric Beckman and
Michael Perhaes
Application No. 10/036,329
Filed: October 19, 2001
Title: BROADCAST BROWSER INCLUDING
MULTI-MEDIA TOOL OVERLAY AND METHOD
OF PROVIDING A CONVERGED MULTI-MEDIA
DISPLAY INCLUDING USER-ENHANCED DATA

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LETTER

Dear Mr. Perhaes:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above-identified United States patent application filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code) and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63. However, no action on your part is required for this patent to issue with you as a named inventor.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to Petitions Attorney Nancy Johnson at (703) 305-0309. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to the Certification Division at (703) 308-9726 or 1 800-972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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DECISION

: ACCORDING STATUS UNDER

: 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)

This is in response to the "Renewed Petition to Accept Oath and Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47," filed November 6, 2003.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application was filed on October 19, 2001, with an unexecuted declaration. In response to a "Notice to File Missing Parts," mailed January 30, 2002, applicants filed the initial petition under § 1.47(a). However, the petition filed September 9, 2002, was dismissed for failure to submit adequate proof that non-signing inventor Perhaes refused to join in the application and for failure to submit an acceptable declaration (Decision mailed March 11, 2003).

On renewed petition filed July 18, 2003, applicants filed a declaration executed by previously non-signing joint inventor Perhaes. However, this declaration was not found acceptable because it identified only inventor Perhaes. It was required that on request for reconsideration, an acceptable declaration be submitted.

On instant renewed petition, applicants submitted a declaration executed by joint inventors Eric Beckman and Michael Sprague on behalf of themselves and on behalf of non-signing inventor Perhaes. In addition, rule 47 applicants submitted additional evidence to show that inventor Perhaes has refused to join in the application.

By declaration of patent attorney Paul J. Kroon, Jr., rule 47 applicants have shown that another declaration, correcting the deficiencies of the one submitted on petition filed July 18, 2003, was presented to inventor Perhaes, but he refused to execute the declaration without additional compensation.

The declaration filed November 6, 2003, has been reviewed and found in compliance with § 1.63 and § 1.47.

This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in new Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The application file is being returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for completion of pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0309.

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